

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: MICROALLOYED STEEL EASY TO SEPARATE BY FRACTURE SPLITTING AT LOW TEMPERATURE AND FITTING MEMBER PRODUCED THROUGH SEPARATION BY FRACTURE SPLITTING AT LOW TEMPERATURE

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This reply is in response to the outstanding Office action dated June 30, 2005 in which pending claims 1-7 were rejected. In view of the following amendment and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Drawings

Formal copies of Figs. 1-3 are presented on the Replacement Sheets submitted herewith. The formal copies illustrate the originally filed drawings with clean lines and in accordance with U.S. formalities.